

# Bay Area News Briefs

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## Woman was strangled

OAKLAND — Homicide investigators today determined the cause of death and the identity of a woman whose body was found earlier in the day under a West Oakland freeway ramp.

Sgt. Jim Hahn said that after an autopsy was performed, the cause of death was listed as strangulation.

The woman was identified as Debbie Rae Pilon, 27, whose last known address was at a West MacArthur Boulevard motel.

Her barefoot, fully clothed body was found just before 7 a.m. in the 3600 block of Wood Street, which runs under the Cypress Street offramp of Highway 17.

He said she appeared to have been dead just a few hours before being found. The death is the 59th homicide here this year.